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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TRIAL OF ADDITIONAL FORTY-EIGHT IMPLICATED IN COUP ATTEMPT

1. THE NATIONAL SECURITY COURT ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 9 THAT THE TRIAL OF A SECOND GROUP OF FORTY-EIGHT MEN, ALL MILITARY, IMPLICATED IN THE APRIL 9 COUP ATTEMPT IS TO START ON AUGUST 12. THOSE IN THIS GROUP INCLUDE THIRTEEN OFFICERS; MOST OF THE REMAINDER ARE NCO'S. CHARGES BEING BROUGHT AGAINST THIS GROUP HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED AS YET. WE UNDERSTAND, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO WAY OF SUBSTANTIATING THIS, THAT LIKE THE FIRST GROUP MOST ARE OF THE MUJERTAIN TRIBLE. NAMES OF THE FORTY-EIGHT WILL BE SENT BY AIRGRAM.

2. WE HAVE HEARD, ALTHOUGH NOT FROM AUTHORATATIVE SOURCES, THAT YET A THIRD GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY MEN WILL BE TRIED AFTER THIS SECOND GROUP. RUMOR ALSO HAS IT THAT VERDICTS FOR ALL OF THOSE TRIED WILL BE DELIVERED AT THE SAME TIME.

3. THERE ARE CONTINUING RUMORS OF POSSIBLE MUJERTAIN
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REPRISALS. THE SAUDI AND EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS' RESIDENCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXTRA POLICE PROTECTION RECENTLY, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF THREATS TO KIDNAP THEM AND EXCHANGE THEM FOR THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OR ARE IMPLICATED IN THE COUP ATTEMPT. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN RUMORS OF KIDNAPPINGS OF MAREHAN TRIBESMEN (SIAD'S TRIBE).

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